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vapors into the space via the open access or the ventilation system itself.

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Subpart 38.25—Periodic Tests and Inspections

§ 38.25-1 Tests and inspections—TB/ALL.

(a) Each tank shall be subjected to the tests and inspections described in this section in the presence of a marine inspector, except as otherwise provided in this part.

(1) An internal inspection of the tank is conducted within—

(i) Ten years after the last internal inspection if the tank is a pressure vessel type cargo tank on an unmanned barge carrying cargo at temperatures of -67°F (-55°C) or warmer; or

(ii) Eight years after the last internal inspection if the tank is of a type other than that described in paragraph (a)(1)(i) of this section.

(2) An external examination of unlagged tanks and the visible parts of lagged tanks shall be made at each inspection for certification and at such other times as considered necessary.

(3) The owner shall ensure that the amount of insulation deemed necessary by the marine inspector is removed from insulated tanks during each internal inspection to allow spot external examination of the tanks and insulation, or the thickness of the tanks may be gauged by a nondestructive means accepted by the marine inspector without the removal of insulation.

(4) If required by the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, the owner shall conduct nondestructive testing of each tank in accordance with § 38.25-3.

(5) If the tank is a pressure vessel type cargo tank with an internal inspection interval of 10 years, is 30 years old or older, determined from the date it was built, the owner shall conduct nondestructive testing of that tank, in accordance with § 38.25-3, during each internal inspection.

(b) If the marine inspector considers a hydrostatic test necessary to determine the condition of the tank, the owner shall perform the test at a pressure of $1\frac{1}{2}$ times the tanks's—

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(1) Maximum allowable pressure, as determined by the safety relief valve setting; or

(2) Design pressure, when cargo tanks operate at maximum allowable pressures reduced below the design pressure in order to satisfy special mechanical stress relief requirements.

NOTE: See the ASME Code, Section VIII, Appendix 3 for information on design pressure.

(c) For pressure vessels designed and/or supported such that they cannot safely be filled with water, the Commandant will consider a pneumatic test in lieu of the hydrostatic test. A leak test shall be performed in conjunction with the pneumatic test. Pneumatic testing shall be in accordance with subchapter F (Marine Engineering) of this chapter.

(d) Nonpressure vessel type tanks shall be tested to a pressure equal to the pressure on the bottom of the tank under the design conditions listed in § 38.05-4(e).

(e) In the application of the requirements for testing of the cargo tanks, the test shall in no case be less severe than the worst anticipated service condition of the cargo loading.

(f) In the design and testing of the independent cargo tanks, consideration shall be given to the possibility of the independent tanks being subjected to external loads.

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§ 38.25-3 Nondestructive testing—TB/ALL.

(a) Before nondestructive testing may be conducted to meet § 38.25-1 (a)(4) and (a)(5), the owner shall submit a proposal to the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection for acceptance that includes—

(1) The test methods and procedures to be used, all of which must meet section V of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (1986);

(2) Each location on the tank to be tested; and

(3) The test method and procedure to be conducted at each location on the tank.

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(b) If the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection rejects the proposal, the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection informs the owner of the reasons why the proposal is rejected.

(c) If the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection accepts the proposal, then the owner shall ensure that—

(1) The proposal is followed; and

(2) Nondestructive testing is performed by personnel meeting ASNT “Recommended Practice No. SNT-TC-1A (1988), Personnel Qualification and Certification in Nondestructive Testing.”

(d) Within 30 days after completing the nondestructive test, the owner shall submit a written report of the results to the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection.

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§ 38.25-5 Removal of defective tanks—TB/ALL.

If a tank fails to pass the tests prescribed in this subpart, it shall be removed from service unless otherwise authorized by the Commandant.

§ 38.25-10 Safety relief valves—TB/ALL.

(a) The cargo tank safety relief valves shall be inspected at least once in every 2 years.

(b) The safety relief valve discs must be lifted from their seats in the presence of a marine inspector by either liquid, gas, or vapor pressure at least once every 5 years to determine the accuracy of adjustment and, if necessary, must be reset.

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Subpart 39.10—General

§ 39.10-1 Applicability—TB/ALL.

(a) Except as specified by paragraph (c) of this section, this part applies to each tank vessel operating in the navigable waters of the United States, when collecting vapors of crude oil, gasoline blends, or benzene emitted from a vessel's cargo tanks through a vapor control system.

(b) A tank vessel which transfers vapors of flammable or combustible cargoes other than crude oil, gasoline blends, or benzene, to a facility covered by 33 CFR part 154 must meet the requirements prescribed by the Commandant (G-MSO).

(c) A tank vessel with an existing vapor collection system specifically approved by the Coast Guard for the collection of cargo vapor which was operating prior to July 23, 1990, is subject only to § 39.30-1 and § 39.40-5 of this part as long as it transfers cargo vapor only to the specific facilities for which it was approved.